

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-17 are currently active.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended.

In the "Response to Arguments" section of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has stated that applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to include the limitations of canceled Claim 7, but has changed the scope of the claim. Claim 1, as now amended, has attempted to place Claim 1 in condition of allowance, as stated by the Examiner in the previous Office Action and in the "Response to Arguments", by removing the additional limitation language in the claims so that the scope of the claim has not changed. Based on the Examiner's comments in the previous Office Action in regard to Claim 7 being allowable, and the comments in the "Response to Arguments" section of the outstanding Office Action, it is now submitted that amended Claims 1 and 10 now reflect the limitations of Claim 7, as the Examiner had found allowable in the previous Office Action, with the scope of the claim being unchanged relative to Claim 7, as now presented.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections and objections to this application be reconsidered and withdrawn, and Claims 1-6 and 8-17, now in this application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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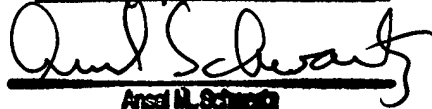
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